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For: INTEGRATED MULTIMEDIA SYSTEM WITH LOCAL PROCESSOR,
DATA TRANSFER SWITCH, PROCESSING MODULES, FIXED FUNCTIONAL
UNIT, DATA STREAMER, INTERFACE UNIT AND MULTIPLEXER, ALL
INTEGRATED ON MULTIMEDIA PROCESSOR

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to the examination of the above-referenced continuation patent application, please enter the following amendment. Replacement pages illustrating the unmarked claims are filed herewith.

In the Claims:

Please add the following new claims:

-- 19. (New) An integrated multimedia system having a multimedia processor disposed in an integrated circuit, said system comprising:

 a first host processor system coupled to said multimedia processor;
 a second local processor disposed within said multimedia processor for controlling the operation of said multimedia processor;

 a data transfer switch disposed within said multimedia processor and coupled to said second processor for transferring data to various modules of said multimedia processor;

 a data streamer coupled to said data transfer switch, and configured to schedule simultaneous data transfers among a plurality of modules disposed within said multimedia processor in accordance with corresponding channel allocations;

 an interface unit coupled to said data streamer having a plurality of input/output (I/O) device driver units;

 a multiplexer coupled to said interface unit for providing access between a selected number of said I/O device driver units to external I/O devices via output pins; and

 a plurality of external I/O devices coupled to said multimedia processor.

20. (New) The system in accordance with claim 19, wherein said external I/O devices are controlled by a corresponding one of said I/O device driver units.

21. (New) The system in accordance with claim 20, wherein one of said external I/O device is an NTSC decoder.

22. (New) The system in accordance with claim 20, wherein one of said external I/O device is an NTSC encoder.

23. (New) The system in accordance with claim 20, wherein one of said external I/O device is a demodulator unit configured to demodulate wireless communications signals.

24. (New) The system in accordance with claim 23, wherein said demodulator unit communicates with said multimedia processor in accordance with a transport channel interface arrangement.

25. (New) The system in accordance with claim 20, wherein said multimedia processor provides video signals and three dimensional graphic signals to an external video display device.

26. (New) The system in accordance with claim 20, wherein one of said external I/O device is an ISDN interface.

27. (New) The system in accordance with claim 20, wherein one of said external I/O device is an audio coder and decoder (CODEC) unit.

28. (New) An integrated multimedia system having a multimedia processor disposed in an integrated circuit, said system comprising:

a processor disposed within said multimedia processor for controlling the

operation of said multimedia processor;

 a data transfer switch disposed within said multimedia processor and coupled to said processor for transferring data to various modules of said multimedia processor;

 a data streamer coupled to said data transfer switch, and configured to schedule simultaneous data transfers among a plurality of modules disposed within said multimedia processor in accordance with corresponding channel allocations;

 an interface unit coupled to said data streamer having a plurality of input/output (I/O) device driver units;

 a multiplexer coupled to said interface unit for providing access between a selected number of said I/O device driver units to external I/O devices via output pins; and

 a plurality of external I/O devices coupled to said multimedia processor.

29. (New) The system in accordance with claim 28, wherein said external I/O devices are controlled by a corresponding one of said I/O device driver units.

30. (New) The system in accordance with claim 29, wherein one of said external I/O device is an NTSC decoder.

31. (New) The system in accordance with claim 29, wherein one of said external I/O device is an NTSC encoder.

32. (New) The system in accordance with claim 29, wherein one of said external I/O device is a demodulator unit configured to demodulate wireless communications signals.

33. (New) The system in accordance with claim 32, wherein said demodulator unit communicates with said multimedia processor in accordance with a transport channel interface arrangement.

34. (New) The system in accordance with claim 29, wherein said multimedia processor provides video signals and three dimensional graphic signals to an external video display device.

35. (New) The system in accordance with claim 29, wherein one of said external I/O device is an ISDN interface.

36. (New) The system in accordance with claim 29, wherein one of said external I/O device is an audio coder and decoder (CODEC) unit. --

REMARKS

Claim 1 is pending.

Claims 2-18 were cancelled by a preliminary amendment filed with the application.

Claim 1 has been cancelled.

New claims 19-36 have been added.

No new matter has been added.

In view of the aforementioned amendment and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all claims currently pending in the above identified application are now in condition for

allowance, the earliest possible notice of which is earnestly solicited. If in the Examiner's opinion the prosecution of the present application would be advanced by a telephone interview, he is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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